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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

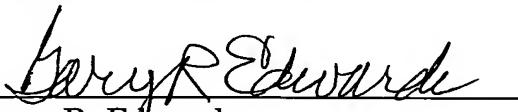
The relevance of Japanese patent documents 2001-034292; 2000-057490 and 11-143493 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

Pending Applications, Serial No. 09/493,134 filed January 28, 2000 and Serial No. 09/518,908 filed March 3, 2000 both including a copy of the Official Filing Receipt, specification, claims and drawings are also submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(a)(iii).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

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